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Congresswoman McCollum Announces Federal Commitment to a Dakota County Transportation Priority

Washington, DC - Today, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) announced the Robert Street Transit Corridor will receive a \$1.18 million federal grant from the federal Department of Transportation. Funds will go to the Dakota County Railroad Authority to support the evaluation of transit alternatives between the Union Depot in downtown St. Paul and Rosemont. This project competed with transit corridors all across the country to secure federal funds.

"I am a long-time supporter of expanding transit options for the residents and businesses along the Robert Street corridor. Federal partnership in this effort is going to help communities in Dakota County move ahead with their vision," said Congresswoman McCollum. "The Robert Street corridor is an important part of a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation system in the Twin Cities."

The Robert Street Corridor connects Rosemount to downtown St. Paul and would serve the communities of West St. Paul, South St. Paul, Mendota Heights, and Inver Grove Heights. Currently, an estimated 129,000 vehicles cross the Mississippi River at the Lafayette and Robert Street Bridges every weekday. Over the next two decades, the population in the corridor is forecast to grow by 30 percent and employment by approximately 40 percent.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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